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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ General Taylor
Mr. Rostow
Mr. Kissinger
Mr. Owen

Re: Berlin Plans

I hope that this afternoon we can have a careful talk on Berlin Political planning, from the point of view of the President's own needs in the next few weeks. I suggest the following order of discussion:

1. In what respects do any of us have major reservations about the argument of the Acheson memorandum? In particular, do any of us believe that the President should examine further

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2. What are the most effective ways of arranging study and argument for President on any such major departures from the Acheson line?

3. Within any agreed U.S. position, what is the proper plan of diplomatic efforts to ensure maximum Western unity. How do we keep in unison with the Germans, particularly, on changes from this preferred position?

4. What other comments or suggestions do any of us wish to put forward for discussion or action?

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